

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 133
By Maggart

A RESOLUTION to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Rotary International and recognize those estimable Rotary clubs of Sumner County.

WHEREAS, service organizations have a rich history of benevolence, serve a vital role in our society, and are a testament to the virtues of integrity and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1.2 million Rotary members in over 31,000 clubs in 166 countries; and

WHEREAS, Sumner County has six such estimable clubs, including the Hendersonville Rotary, the Lakeside Rotary, the Gallatin Rotary, the Gallatin Morning Rotary, the Goodlettsville Rotary and the Portland Rotary; and

WHEREAS, no doubt Sumner County has benefited from the selfless service provided and devout commitment to social justice evidenced by its local Rotarians; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, live by high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary funds individual club projects and sponsors volunteers with community expertise to provide medical supplies, health care, clean water, food production, job training, and education to millions in need, particularly in developing countries; and

WHEREAS, in 1985 Rotary International launched Polio Plus and spearheaded efforts with the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International is the world's largest privately-funded source of international scholarships and promotes international understanding through exchange programs and humanitarian grants; and

WHEREAS, more than 35,000 students from 110 countries have studied abroad since 1947 as Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars; and

WHEREAS, Rotary's Group Study Exchange program has helped more than 46,000 young professionals explore their career fields in other countries; and

WHEREAS, 8,000 secondary-school students each year experience life in another country through Rotary's Youth Exchange Program; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly hereby encourages the citizens of the State of Tennessee to join in this recognition and celebration of 100 years of Rotary International and the integral role Rotarians play in addressing such issues as poverty, health, hunger, and illiteracy in their local communities and abroad; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly desires to seize this golden opportunity to honor and recognize the Hendersonville Rotary, the Lakeside Rotary, the Gallatin Rotary, the Gallatin Morning Rotary, the Goodlettsville Rotary, the Portland Rotary, and each Rotary club throughout this great State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby celebrate the 100th anniversary of Rotary International and commend the members of all the Rotary clubs of Sumner County for their tireless public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.